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TAGS: OVIP (KOHL, HELMUT), GW
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT TO US BY HELMUT KOHL

1. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC (CDU) SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED
APRIL 17 THAT OPPOSITION LEADER HELMUT KOHL IS PLANNING
TO VISIT THE US THIS SUMMER.
 2. KOHL'S OFFICE INFORMS US THAT KOHL IS CONSIDERING
A TRIP TO THE US AT SOME POINT IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN
NOW AND EARLY JUNE. A MAJOR PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO
UNDERSCORE TIES OF OPPOSITION WITH THE US AND OPPOSITION
SUPPORT FOR US-FRG FRIENDSHIP DURING PRESENT PERIOD,
WHEN PUBLIC FOCUS IS ON US-FRG DIFFICULTIES.
 3. KOHL'S STAFF DOES NOT YET HAVE DATES IN MIND, AND
MADE CLEAR THAT KOHL'S PLANS FOR TRIP -- WHICH WOULD
PROBABLY COME DURING HECTIC PERIOD PRECEDING KEY ELECTIONS JUNE
4 -- ARE NOT YET FIRM. WE WILL KEEP WASHINGTON POSTED.
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